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15.	×		To our kr	nowledge,	, bank reconcili	ations tha	t were review	ed were performed timely.				
If a local unit of government (authorities and commissions included) is operating within the boundaries of the audited entity and is not included in this or any other audit report, nor do they obtain a stand-alone audit, please enclose the name(s), address(es), and a description(s) of the authority and/or commission. I, the undersigned, certify that this statement is complete and accurate in all respects. We have enclosed the following: Enclosed Not Required (enter a brief justification)												
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Financial Report
With Supplemental Information

June 30, 2006

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Independent Auditors' Report

Board Members Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities Hillsdale, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities and each major fund of the Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities, Enterprise Funds of the City of Hillsdale, Michigan, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the Board's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities' management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities Enterprise Funds and are not intended to present fairly the financial position of the City of Hillsdale, and the changes in its financial position and cash flows of its proprietary fund types in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities and each major fund of the Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities as of June 30, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated August 3, 2006, on our consideration of the Board's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Board Members Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities

The Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) as required supplementary information that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be, part of the financial statements. The Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities has elected not to prepare such analysis, but encourages users of these financial statements to read the MD&A contained in the annual financial report of the City of Hillsdale for the year ended June 30, 2006.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities basic financial statements. The accompanying supplemental information, as identified in the table of contents, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The current year supplemental information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Willis & Jurasek, P.C.

Willis Jurasek, P.C.

August 3, 2006



Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

Board Members Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities Hillsdale, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated August 3, 2006. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities' internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities' financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended for the information of management, federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Willis & Jurasek, P.C.

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August 3, 2006

Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2006

				To	tal Business
		Electric	Water	Sewer Ty	pe Activities
Assets:					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,372,143 \$	- \$	370,181 \$	1,742,324
Receivables:					
Customer accounts, net of allowance					
for doubtful accounts of \$120,000		1,041,101	69,506	72,313	1,182,920
Interest		12,619	2,804	4,346	19,769
Due from other funds of BPU		-	-	1,0 01 ,735	1,001,735
Due from other funds of City		17,506	-	-	17,506
Inventories		637,762	80,122	6,577	724,461
Prepaid expenses	_	81,656	20,177	32,892	134,725
Total current assets		3,162,787	172,609	1,488,044	4,823,440
Restricted and designated assets:					
Designated investments		2,118,218	234,959	278,357	2,631,534
Restricted investments			633,871	591,990	1,225,861
Total restricted and designated assets	_	2,118,218	868,830	870,347	3,857,395
Capital assets:					
Property, plant and equipment, at cost		29,183,273	9,962,770	13,265,101	52,411,144
Less: accumulated depreciation	_	16,955,419	4,157,629	8,899,369	30,012,417
Total capital assets (net)	_	12,227,854	5,805,141	4,365,732	22,398,727
Other assets:					
Investment in M.S.C.P.A.		4,463,715			4,463,715
Total assets	_	21,972,574	6,846,580	6,724,123	35,543,277

	<u>Electric</u>	Water		Total Business Type Activities
Liabilities:				
Current liabilities payable from current assets:				
Accounts payable	\$ 63,964 \$	9,825 \$	18,519	\$ 92,308
Accrued purchased power	809,582	_	,	809,582
Due to other funds of BPU	-	1,001,735	-	1,001,735
Due to other funds of City	45,815	2,530	2,946	51,291
Customer deposits	7,069	500	-	7,569
Accrued liabilities:				,
Payroll taxes	5,318	-	-	5,318
Other	35,072	7,245	7,343	49,660
Total current liabilities				
payable from current assets	966,820	1,021,835	28,808	2,017,463
Current liabilities payable from restricted assets:				
Bonds payable		250,000	145.000	205.000
Accrued interest	-	•	145,000	395,000
Addition interest		35,476	6,100	41,576
Total current liabilities		200		
payable from restricted assets		285,476	151,100	436,576
p = 7		200,410	131,100	430,370
Compensated absences payable	82,690	35,148	36,936	154,774
Long-term debt, net of current maturities:				
Bonds payable	_	3,085,000	935,000	4,020,000
P. Prince		0,000,000		4,020,000
Total liabilities	1,049,510	4,427,459	1,151,844	6,628,813
Net Assets:				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	12,227,854	2,470,141	3,285,732	17 000 707
Restricted for debt service	12,221,004	633,871	591,990	17,983,727 1,225,861
Unrestricted (deficit)	8,695,210	(684,891)	1,694,557	9,704,876
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Total net assets	\$ 20,923,064 \$	2,419,121 \$	5,572,279 \$	28,914,464

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets Year Ended June 30, 2006

		Electric	Weter		Paway		tal Business
On white a Devenue		Electric	Water		Sewer	<u>1 y</u>	pe Activities
Operating Revenue:							
Sales to customers:	\$	3,245,416 \$	451,790	¢	442,896	¢	4,140,102
Residential	φ	944,680	113,458	Ψ	109,287	Ψ	1,167,425
Business		2,556,697	215,425		228,140		3,000,262
Commercial		3,074,207	108,495		135,059		3,317,761
Industrial		3,074,207	220,589		221,876		442,465
Apartments Street light sales		35,198	220,303		221,070		35,198
Other operating income		40,211	4,761		14,577		59,54 <u>9</u>
Other operating income		40,211	4,701		14,011		33,043
Total operating revenue		9,896,409	1,114,518		1,151,835		12,162,762
Operating Expenses:							
Purchased power		6,604,746	-		-		6,604,746
Production expense		889,504	50,336		-		939,840
Transmission and distribution		995,361	-		. –		995,361
Collection system expense		-	-		202,332		202,332
Treatment expense		-			508,912		508,912
Purification expense		-	205,935		-		205,935
Distribution expense		-	399,876		-		399,876
Administrative and general		752,007	223,519	_	241,364		1,216,890
Total operating expenses		9,241,618	879,666		952,608		11,073,892
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Operating Income		654,791	234,852		199,227		1,088,870
Non-operating Revenue (Expense):							
Interest income		71,761	16,567		49,234		137,562
Interest expense		· -	(144,380)) .	(23,700)		(168,080)
Other non-operating income (expense)		2,804	(7,756)		(4,168)		(9,120)
Total non-operating revenue (expense)		74,565	(135,569)		21,366		(39,638)
Changes in Net Assets		729,356	99,283		220,593		1,049,232
Net Assets, Beginning of Year		20,193,708	2,319,838		5,351,686		27,865,232
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$</u>	20,923,064 \$	2,419,121	\$	5,572,279	<u>\$</u>	28,914,464

Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds				
	Electric	Water	Sewer	Total	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	# 0 000 070	C 4 115 CCC	¢ 4 4 4 2 0 C 4	£ 40 400 000	
Cash received from customers, residents and users	\$ 9,868,676	\$ 1,115,682	\$ 1,143,864 14,577	\$ 12,128,222	
Other operating receipts Cash paid to employees and suppliers	40,211 (9,191,560)	4,761 (631,395)	(803,690)	59,549 (10,626,645)	
Cash paid to employees and suppliers	(9,191,500)	(031,393)	(603,690)	(10,020,045)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	717,327	489,048	354,751	1,561,126	
Cash Flows from Capital and Related					
Financing Activities					
Bond payments on capital debt	-	(245,000)	(140,000)	(385,000)	
Interest payments on capital debt	-	(144,380)	(24,400)	(168,780)	
Purchase of capital assets, net	(990,678)	(91,109)	(40,312)	(1,122,099)	
Net cash used by capital and related		-			
financing activities	(990,678)	(480,489)	(204,712)	(1,675,879)	
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Cash Flows from Investing Activities					
Unrealized gain on investments	64,954	17,452	(13,789)	68,617	
Purchase of investments	(99,734)	(35,019)	-	(134,753)	
Other non-operating income received	2,799	-	-	2,799	
Other non-operating expenses	-	(7,756)	(4,171)	(11,927)	
Interest income received	70,830	16,764	49,234	136,828	
Net cash provided by investing activities	38,849	(8,559)	31,274	61,564	
Net Increase (Decrease)					
in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(234,502)		181,313	(53,189)	
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Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	1,606,645		188,868	1,795,513	
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ 1,372,143	\$ -	\$ 370,181	\$ 1,742,324	
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net					
Cash Provided by Operating Activities					
Operating income	\$ 654,791	\$ 234,852	\$ 199,227	\$ 1,088,870	
Adjustments to reconcile operating income	+ 1,1,1	T,	Ţ , 00 jam.	4 1,000,070	
to net cash provided by operating activities					
Depreciation	640,934	209,848	156,789	1,007,571	
(Increase) decrease in:	*				
Receivables	17,622	6,414	6,606	30,642	
Due from other funds	(12,008)	-	(25,090)	(37,098)	
Inventories	4,374	4,929	(2,132)	7,171	
Prepaids	(2,049)	(2,550)	(2,288)	(6,887)	
Investment in M.S.C.P.A.	(581,702)	-	-	(581,702)	
Increase (decrease) in:				=	
Accounts payable	30,305	167	10,566	41,038	
Accrued expenses	(53,593)	10,684	11,247	(31,662)	
Due to other funds	22,925	25,193	(174)	47,944	
Customer deposits	(4,272)	(489)		(4,761)	
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 717,327	\$ 489,048	\$ 354,751	\$ 1,561,126	

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities (BPU) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), as applicable to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

Reporting Entity

The Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities (the BPU) provides electric, water and sewage disposal services to residents of the City of Hillsdale (the City) and nearby townships, as recorded in three separate enterprise funds. Policy is set and operations are directed by a five-member Board.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The BPU uses funds to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

The operations of the BPU are accounted for as Enterprise Funds of the City of Hillsdale, Michigan, which are designed to be self-supporting. Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent of the governing body is that the cost of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and the resulting net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

The BPU reports the following major proprietary funds:

Electric - This fund accounts for the activities of the BPU's electric generation and distribution systems.

Water - This fund accounts for the activities of the BPU's water production, purification and distribution systems.

Sewer - This fund accounts for the activities of the BPU's sewer collection and treatment systems.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All enterprise funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the balance sheet. Proprietary fund-type operating statements present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets.

The accrual basis of accounting is utilized by enterprise funds. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the option of following subsequent private-sector guidance of their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The government has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Proprietary funds (enterprise funds) distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the BPU enterprise funds are charges to customers for sales and services. The BPU also recognizes as operating revenue the portion of fees intended to record the cost of connecting new customers to the system. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits and certificates of deposits with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

State statutes authorize the BPU to invest surplus funds in bonds, securities, other obligations of the United States, or an agency or instrumentality of the United States; repurchase agreements; certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts or depository receipts of a qualified financial institution; commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the two highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services and that matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; bankers' acceptances of United States banks; obligations of the State of Michigan or any of its political subdivisions that, at the time of purchase, are rated as investment grade by at least one standard rating service; mutual funds registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 with the authority to purchase only investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by a public corporation; and external investment pools as authorized by Public Act 20 as amended through December 31, 1997.

Investments are stated at fair value.

Short-term Interfund Receivables/Payables

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as "due from other funds" or "due to other funds" on the balance sheet.

Receivables

All receivables are reported at their net value. They are reduced, where appropriate, by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible.

Inventories and Prepaid Items

Inventories are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the average cost method. Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future fiscal years and are recorded as prepaid items.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Capital Assets

Capital assets which include land and buildings, plant, vehicles and equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., pipes, poles, wire, transformers, and similar items) are reported in the business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized when projects are completed.

Property, plant, and equipment of the BPU is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Plant and systems	10-65

Net Assets

Certain proceeds of enterprise fund revenue bonds, as well as certain resources set aside for their repayment, are classified as restricted assets on the balance sheet because their use is limited by applicable bond covenants. Restricted resources are applied first when an expense is incurred for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available. Restricted net assets segregate resources accumulated for debt service payments. Designations of net assets represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Interfund Transactions

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenses initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenses in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenses in the fund that is reimbursed.

Use of Estimates

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenditures. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

Pension Plan Funding

The BPU policy is to fund pension costs as they accrue.

Compensated Absences

Accumulated unpaid vacation, sick, and personal days are accrued when earned.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2 - Cash and Investments

A summary of cash and investments at year-end is as follows:

Bank deposits (checking and savings	
accounts and short-term CDs)	\$1,741,724
Investments	3,857,394
Cash on hand	600
	\$ <u>5,599,718</u>

Investments are further specifically identified as of year-end, as follows:

	<u>Amount</u>	Rating
Fidelity Investment Cash	\$ 15,237	N/A
Spartan U.S. Government Money Market	656,796	N/A
U.S. Government Agency Bonds (maturing		
in 1 to 5 years)	3,085,035	AAA
Certificate of deposit		
(maturing in 464 days)	99,326	N/A
	\$3,857,394	

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Board's deposits may not be returned. The Board has not adopted and State law does not require a policy for deposit custodial credit risk. As of year-end, \$1,488,782 of the Board's bank balance of \$1,697,877 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized.

Custodial Credit Risk - Investments

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Board will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Board has not adopted and State law does not require a policy for investment custodial risk.

Interest Rate Risk

State law limits the allowable investments and the maturities of some of the allowable investments as identified in the list of authorized investments above (see Note 1). The Board's investment policy does not have specific limits in excess of State law on investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The maturity dates for each investment type are identified above for investments held at year-end.

Credit Risk

State law limits investments to specific government securities, certificates of deposits and bank accounts with qualified financial institutions, commercial paper with specific maximum maturities and ratings when purchased, bankers' acceptances of specific financial institutions, qualified mutual funds and qualified external investment pools as identified in the list of authorized investments above (see Note 1). The Board's investment policy does not have specific limits in excess of State law on investment credit risk. The ratings for each investment are identified above for applicable investments held at year-end.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 3 - Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year was as follows:

Business-type activities:	Beginning Balance	Additions	Disposals and Adjustments	Ending Balance	
Capital assets not being depreciated: Land Construction in progress	\$ 189,982 232,266	\$ - 252,861	\$ <u>-</u> 	\$ 189,982 <u>367,933</u>	
Total capital assets not being depreciated	422,248	252,861	117,194	557,915	
Capital assets being depreciated: Plant and systems	50,889,788	986,431	22,990	51,853,229	
Accumulated depreciation: Plant and systems	29,027,837	1,007,570	22,990	30,012,417	
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	21,861,951	(21,139)	5	21,840,812	
Business-type activities capital assets – net	\$ <u>22,284,199</u>	\$ <u>231,722</u>	\$ <u>117,194</u>	\$ <u>22,398,727</u>	
Depreciation expense was charged to operating expenses as follows:					
Electric Fund Water Fund Sewer Fund		\$ 640,934 209,848 156,788			
		\$ <u>1,007,570</u>			

Note 4 - Investment in Michigan South Central Power Agency

The Michigan South Central Power Agency (M.S.C.P.A) was organized in 1978 under the authority of Michigan Public Act 448 of 1976, to supply electricity to member municipalities in South Central Michigan. The Act provides that the agency will establish rates and charges to produce revenues sufficient to cover its costs, but may not operate for profit, except for the benefit of the public. The agency is governed by a Board of Commissioners which is comprised of one representative from each participating municipality and the general manager of the agency.

Participating municipalities and their respective shares of ownership are as follows:

	Percent Of
	Ownership
City of Coldwater	40.0%
City of Hillsdale	25.5
City of Marshall	24.0
Village of Clinton	6.5
Village of Union City	4.0
	<u>100.0</u> %

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 4 - Investment in Michigan South Central Power Agency (Continued)

The Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities is accounting for its investment in M.S.C.P.A. as a joint venture in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14. Information presented below is taken from financial statements of the M.S.C.P.A. for the year ended June 30, 2006, audited by other auditors, whose report dated August 10, 2006, expressed an unqualified opinion on those statements.

The BPU has entered into a Power Sales Contract with M.S.C.P.A. which requires the BPU to purchase all of its bulk power supply from M.S.C.P.A. and to pay its share of M.S.C.P.A.'s operating and debt service costs. The BPU has also entered into an agreement for services to be provided by the M.S.C.P.A. in respect to substation facilities and an agreement which requires the BPU to sell to M.S.C.P.A. power generated by its facilities.

The summary information of the BPU investment in the M.S.C.P.A. for the year ended June 30, 2006 is as follows:

	Total <u>M.S.C.P.A.</u>	Hillsdale BPU <u>Portion 25.5%</u>
Total assets	\$ 76,241,628	\$ 19,441,615
Total liabilities	58,736,861	14,977,900
Net Assets	\$ <u>17,504,767</u>	\$ <u>4,463,716</u>
Operating revenues Operating expenses	\$ 44,961,391 _37,275,616	\$ 11,465,155 _9,505,282
Operating Income	7,685,775	1,959,873
Other income and expenses	(5,404,589)	_(1,378,170)
Changes in Net Assets	2,281,186	581,702
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	15,223,581	3,882,013
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ <u>17,504,767</u>	\$ <u>4,463,715</u>

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 5 - Long-Term Debt

Long-term liabilities for the BPU's three enterprise funds for the year ended June 30, 2006, are as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One <u>Y</u> ear
Business-type activities:					
Revenue bonds:					
1999 Water	\$ 1,960,000	\$	- \$ 105,000	\$ 1,855,000	\$ 110,000
2002 Water					
Refunding	1,620,000		- 140,000	1,480,000	140,000
1992 Sewer	1,220,000		140,000	1,080,000	_145,000
	4,800,000		- 385,000	4,415,000	395,000
Compensated absences	139,923	14,85	<u> </u>	154,774	
Total	\$ <u>4,939,923</u>	\$ <u>14,85</u>	1 \$ <u>385,000</u>	\$ <u>4,569,774</u>	\$ 395,000

Revenue bonds consist of the following:

Water Fund

1999 Revenue Bonds – maturing \$110,000 to \$185,000 annually, plus interest from 4.75% to 5.10% through October 1, 2018

\$ 1,855,000

2002 Water Revenue Refunding Bonds – maturing \$140,000 to \$190,000 annually, plus interest from 3.00% to 4.00% through October 1, 2014

1,480,000 3,335,000

Sewer Fund

1992 Revenue Bonds – Michigan Municipal Bond Authority Revolving Loan Fund payable, maturing \$145,000 to \$165,000 annually, plus interest at 2.00%, through April, 2013

1,080,000

\$4,415,000

Annual debt service requirements to maturity on the above governmental bond obligations are as follows:

		Water		Sewer
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal Interest Total
2007	\$ 250,000	\$ 137,189	\$ 387,189	\$ 145,000 \$ 21,600 \$166,600
2008	260,000	127,614	387,614	150,000 18,700 168,700
2009	270,000	117,696	387,696	150,000 15,700 165,700
2010	275,000	107,310	382,310	155,000 12,700 167,700
2011	290,000	96,132	386,132	155,000 9,600 164,600
2012 - 2016	1,455,000	286,725	1,741,725	325,000 9,800 334,800
2017 - 2019	535,000	41,515	576,515	
Total.	\$ <u>3,335,000</u>	\$ <u>914,181</u>	\$ <u>4,249,181</u>	\$ <u>1,080,000</u> \$ <u>88,100</u> \$ <u>1,168,100</u>

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 6 - Employee Retirement System

Plan Description

The BPU, in conjunction with the City of Hillsdale, participates in an agent multiple-employer defined benefit public employee retirement system governed by the State of Michigan, titled Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS). Information regarding this plan can be found in the City of Hillsdale annual financial statements.

Note 7 - Risk Management

The BPU is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees and natural disasters. The BPU carries commercial insurance to cover risks of losses. The BPU settled claims resulting from these risks did not exceed the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 8 - Interfund Receivables and Payables

The composition of interfund balances at year-end is as follows:

Due To/From Other Funds of BPU:	Receivables	<u>Payables</u>
Water Sewer	\$ - 1,001,735	\$ 1,001,735
	\$ <u>1,001,735</u>	\$ <u>1,001,735</u>
Due To/From Other Funds of City:	Receivables	<u>Payables</u>
Electric Water Sewer	\$ 17,506 - 	\$ 45,815 2,530
	\$ <u>17,506</u>	\$ <u>51,291</u>

The BPU reports interfund balances between many of its funds. The sum of all balances presented in the tables above agrees with the sum of interfund balances presented in the statements of net assets/balance sheet for the business-type activities. These interfund balances resulted primarily from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made.



Electric Fund Statements of Net Assets June 30, 2006 and 2005

	 2006	2005
Assets:		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,372,143 \$	1,606,645
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):		
Customer accounts	1,041,101	1,058,723
Interest	12,619	11,683
Due from City	17,506	5,498
Inventories	637,762	642,136
Prepaid expenses	 81,656	79,607
Total current assets	 3,162,787	3,404,292
Restricted and designated assets:		
Designated investments	 2,118,218	2,083,438
Total restricted and designated assets	 2,118,218	2,083,438
Capital assets:		
Property, plant and equipment, at cost	29,183,273	28,215,586
Less: accumulated depreciation	 16,955,419	16,337,476
Total capital assets	12,227,854	11,878,110
Other assets:		
Investment in M.S.C.P.A.	 4,463,715	3,882,013
Total assets	 21,972,574	21,247,853

	2006	2005
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities payable from current assets:		
Accounts payable	\$ 63,964	
Accrued purchased power	809,582	
Due to City	45,815	
Customer deposits	7,069	
Payroll taxes	5,318	
Other	35,072	15,582
Total current liabilities	966,820	976,847
Compensated absences	82,690	77,298
Total liabilities	1,049,510	1,054,14
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Net Assets: Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	12,227,854	
Unrestricted	8,695,210	8,315,598
Total net assets	\$ 20,923,064	\$ 20,193,708
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Electric Fund
Statements of Revenues, Expenses
and Changes in Net Assets
Years Ended June 30, 2006 and 2005

		2006	2005
Operating Revenue:			
Sales to customers:			
Residential	\$	3,245,416 \$	3,075,167
Business		944,680	971,265
Commercial		2,556,697	2,430,498
Industrial		3,074,207	3,375,137
Street light sales		35,198	34,501
Other operating income		40,211	36,450
Total operating revenue		9,896,409	9,923,018
Operating Expenses:			
Purchased power		6,604,746	6,329,230
Production expense		889,504	939,811
Transmission and distribution		995,361	979,595
Administrative and general		752,007	843,752
Total operating expenses		9,241,618	9,092,388
Operating Income (Loss)		654,791	830,630
Non-operating Revenue (Expense)			
Interest income		71,761	76,921
Other non-operating income (expense)	_	2,804	50,807
Total non-operating revenue (expense)		74,565	127,728
Changes in Net Assets		729,356	958,358
Net Assets, Beginning of Year		20,193,708	19,235,350
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$</u>	20,923,064 \$	20,193,708

Electric Fund

Schedules of Operating Expenses Years Ended June 30, 2006 and 2005

	_	2006	2005
Purchased Power:			
Purchased power	\$	9,973,942 \$	9,163,137
Power cost adjustment		(2,787,494)	(2,156,253)
Gain on investment in M.S.C.P.A.		(581,702)	(677,654)
Total purchased power	<u>\$</u>	6,604,746 \$	6,329,230
Production Expense:			
Depreciation	\$	238,376 \$	249,963
Engine fuels		77,823	147,925
Production operation		505,986	433,454
Production maintenance	_	67,319	108,469
Total production expense	<u>\$</u>	889,504 \$	939,811
Transmission and Distribution Expense:			
Depreciation	\$	324,331 \$	298,818
Distribution operation		298,035	324,515
Distribution maintenance	_	372,995	356,262
Total transmission and distribution expense	<u>\$</u>	995,361 \$	979,595
Administrative and General Expense:			
Payment in lieu of tax	\$	300,030 \$	299,551
Depreciation		78,227	100,748
Customer accounts expense		71,938	79,006
Customer service and information expense		25,922	24,418
Administrative operation		267,784	335,530
Administrative maintenance		8,106	4,499
Total administrative and general expense	<u>\$</u>	752,007 \$	843,752

Water Fund Statements of Net Assets June 30, 2006 and 2005

	2006	2005
Assets:		
Current assets:		
Accounts receivable	\$ 69	9,506 \$ 75,920
Interest receivable	2	2,804 3,001
Inventory	80),122 85,051
Prepaid expenses	20),177 17,627
Total current assets	172	2,609 181,599
Restricted and designated assets:		
Designated investments	234	,959 231,379
Restricted investments	633	619,884
Total restricted and designated assets	868	8,830 851,263
Capital assets:		
Property, plant and equipment, at cost	9,962	2,770 9,871,661
Less: accumulated depreciation	(4,157	
Total capital assets	5,805	5,141 5,923,880
Total assets	6,846	6,956,742

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Liabilities:		
Current liabilities payable from current assets:		
Accounts payable	\$ 9,825 \$	9,658
Due to other funds of BPU	1,001,735 9	76,356
Due to City	2,530	2,716
Accrued liabilities	7,245	-
Customer deposits	500	989
Total current liabilities payable from current assets	1,021,835 9	<u> 89,719</u>
Current liabilities payable from restricted assets:		
Bonds payable	250,000 2-	45,000
Accrued interest		37,592
Total current liabilities payable from restricted assets	285,476 28	32,592
Compensated absences payable	35,148	29,593
Long-term debt, net of current maturities:		
Bonds payable	3,085,0003,33	35,000
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Total liabilities	4,427,459 4,63	36,904
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Net Assets:		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,470,141 2,34	3,880
Restricted for debt service	633,871 61	9,884
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(684,891)</u> <u>(64</u>	3,926)
Total net assets	<u>\$ 2,419,121</u> <u>\$ 2,31</u>	9,838

Water Fund

Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets
Years Ended June 30, 2006 and 2005

		2006	2005	
Operating Revenue:				
Sales to customers:				
Residential	\$	451,790	\$ 452,15	57
Business		113,458	115,19	3 7
Commercial		215,425	205,61	17
Industrial		108,495	117,98	30
Apartments		220,589	211,96	38
Other operating income		4,761	6,66	<u>34</u>
Total operating revenue		1,114,518	1,109,58	<u>33</u>
Operating Expenses:				
Production expense		50,336	44,53	36
Purification expense		205,935	206,04	16
Distribution expense		399,876	314,45	51
Administrative and general		223,519	236,54	<u>13</u>
Total operating expenses		879,666	801,57	<u>76</u>
Operating Income (Loss)		234,852	308,00	<u>)7</u>
Non-operating Revenue (Expense):				
Interest income		16,567	21,80)2
Interest expense		(144,380)	(153,85	57)
Other non-operating income (expense)		(7,756)	3,23	<u> 33</u>
Total non-operating revenue (expense)		(135,569)	(128,82	<u>2</u>)
Changes in Net Assets		99,283	179,18	15
Net Assets, Beginning of Year		2,319,838	2,140,65	<u>3</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$</u>	2,419,121	\$ 2,319,83	8

Water Fund
Schedules of Operating Expenses
Years Ended June 30, 2006 and 2005

		2006	2005
Production Expense:			
Depreciation	\$	11,699 \$	7,670
Production operation		31,177	28,457
Production maintenance		7,460	8,409
Total production expense	\$	50,336 \$	44,536
Purification Expense:			
Depreciation	\$	58,789 \$	58,544
Chemical expense		44,239	36,729
Purification operation		86,813	91,008
Purification maintenance		16,094	19,765
Total purification expense	\$	205,935 \$	206,046
Distribution Expense:			
Depreciation	\$	130,105 \$	118,217
Distribution operation		85,469	80,981
Distribution maintenance		184,302	115,253
Total transmission and distribution expense	\$	399,876 \$	314,451
Administrative and General Expense:			
Payment in lieu of tax	\$	30,190 \$	29,190
Depreciation		9,255	9,176
Customer accounts expense		45,186	45,982
Customer service and information expense		13,347	11,727
Administrative operation		121,837	138,344
Administrative maintenance		3,704	2,124
Total administrative and general expense	<u>\$</u>	223,519 \$	236,543

Water Fund Schedule of Bonded Debt June 30, 2006

Revenue Bonds - Series 1999

Date	Rate	F	Principal		Principal		nterest		Total
October 1, 2006	4.750%	\$	110,000	\$	45,347	\$	155,347		
April 1, 2007		7	,	•	42,734	*	42,734		
October 1, 2007	4.750%		110,000		42,734		152,734		
April 1, 2008			,		40,122		40,122		
October 1, 2008	4.750%		115,000		40,122		155,122		
April 1, 2009					37,391		37,391		
October 1, 2009	4.750%		120,000		37,391		157,391		
April 1, 2010					34,541		34,541		
October 1, 2010	4.750%		130,000		34,541		164,541		
April 1, 2011					31,453		31,453		
October 1, 2011	4.750%		135,000		31,453		166,453		
April 1, 2012					28,247		28,247		
October 1, 2012	4.800%		140,000		28,247		168,247		
April 1, 2013					24,887		24,887		
October 1, 2013	4.875%		145,000		24,887		169,887		
April 1, 2014					21,353		21,353		
October 1, 2014	4.900%		155,000		21,353		176,353		
April 1, 2015					17,555		17,555		
October 1, 2015	5.000%		160,000		17,555		177,555		
April 1, 2016		•			13,555		13,555		
October 1, 2016	5.050%		170,000		13,555		183,555		
April 1, 2017					9,262		9,262		
October 1, 2017	5.050%		180,000		9,262		189,262		
April 1, 2018					4,718		4,718		
October 1, 2018	5.100%		185,000		4,718		189,718		
Totals	•	\$	1,855,000	\$	656,983	\$	2,511,983		

Water Fund Schedule of Bonded Debt June 30, 2006

Revenue Refunding Bonds - Series 2002

Date	Rate	Principa	<u>al </u>	Interest		Total
October 1, 2006	3.000%	\$ 140,0	00 \$	25,604	\$	165,604
April 1, 2007				23,504		23,504
October 1, 2007	3.000%	150,0	00	23,504		173,504
April 1, 2008				21,254		21,254
October 1, 2008	3.000%	155,0	00	21,254		176,254
April 1, 2009				18,929		18,929
October 1, 2009	3.200%	155,0	00	18,929		173,929
April 1, 2010				16,449		16,449
October 1, 2010	3.450%	160,0	00	16,449		176,449
April 1, 2011				13,689		13,689
October 1, 2011	3.550%	170,0	00	13,689		183,689
April 1, 2012	•			10,672		10,672
October 1, 2012	3.625%	175,0	00	10,672		185,672
April 1, 2013				7,500		7,500
October 1, 2013	4.000%	185,0	00 .	7,500		192,500
April 1, 2014				3,800		3,800
October 1, 2014	4.000%	190,0	00	3,800		193,800
Totals		\$ 1,480,0	00 \$	257,198	\$	1,737,198

Sewer Fund Statements of Net Assets June 30, 2006 and 2005

	2006	2005
Assets:		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 370),181 \$ 188,868
Accounts receivable	72	2,313 78,919
Interest receivable	4	4,346 4,346
Due from other funds of BPU	1,001	,735 976,356
Inventory	6	5,577 4,444
Prepaid expenses	32	2,892 30,603
Total current assets	1,488	1,283,536
Restricted and designated assets:		
Designated investments	278	3,357 275,127
Restricted investments		,990 581,431
Total restricted and designated assets	870	0,347 856,558
Capital assets:		
Property, plant and equipment, at cost	13,265	5,101 13,224,790
Less: accumulated depreciation	8,899	369 8,742,581
Total capital assets	4,365	<u>4,482,209</u>
Total assets	6,724	,123 6,622,303

		2006	2005
Liabilities:			
Current liabilities payable from current assets:			
Accounts payable	\$	18,519 \$	7,954
Due to City		2,946	2,831
Accrued liabilities		7,343	
Total current liabilities payable from current assets		28,808	10,785
Current liabilities payable from restricted assets:			
Bonds payable		145,000	140,000
Accrued interest		6,100	6,800
Total current liabilities payable from restricted assets		151,100	146,800
Compensated absences payable		36,936	33,032
Long-term debt, net of current maturities:			
Bonds payable		935,000	1,080,000
Total liabilities		1,151,844	1,270,617
Net Assets:			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		3,285,732	3,262,209
Restricted for debt service		591,990	581,431
Unrestricted		1,694,557	1,508,046
Total net assets	\$	5,572,279 \$	5,351,686

Sewer Fund
Statements of Revenues, Expenses
and Changes in Net Assets
Years Ended June 30, 2006 and 2005

	2006	2005
Operating Revenue:		
Sales to customers:		
Residential	\$ 442,896	\$ 444,885
Business	109,287	112,201
Commercial	228,140	213,987
Industrial	135,059	141,467
Apartments	221,876	211,163
Other operating income	 14,577	 28,397
Total operating revenue	 1,151,83 <u>5</u>	 1,152,100
Operating Expenses:		
Sewer collection system expense	202,332	172,182
Treatment expense	508,912	612,074
Administrative and general	 241,364	 250,552
Total operating expenses	 952,608	 1,034,808
Operating Income	 199,227	 117,292
Non-operating Revenue (Expense):		
Interest income	49,234	46,562
Interest expense	(23,700)	(27,199)
Other non-operating income (expense)	 (4,168)	 (69,920)
Total non-operating revenue (expense)	 21,366	 (50,557)
Changes in Net Assets	220,593	66,735
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	 5,351,686	 5,284,951
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 5,572,279	\$ 5,351,686

Sewer Fund
Schedules of Operating Expenses
Years Ended June 30, 2006 and 2005

		2006	2005
Sewer Collection System Expense:			
Depreciation	\$	62,424 \$	52,109
Collection operation		51,119	42,801
Collection maintenance		88,789	77,272
Total sewer collection system expense	\$	202,332 \$	172,182
Treatment Expense:			
Depreciation	\$	85,992 \$	198,031
Chemical expense		12,957	9,007
Treatment operation		278,378	263,417
Treatment maintenance		131,585	141,619
Total treatment expense	<u>\$</u>	508,912 \$	612,074
Administrative and General Expense:			
Payment in lieu of tax	\$	34,951 \$	34,575
Depreciation		8,373	8,291
Customer accounts expense		51,624	43,901
Customer service and information expense		12,474	11,140
Administrative operation		130,239	150,566
Administrative maintenance		3,703	2,079
Total administrative and general expense	<u>\$</u>	241,364 \$	250,552

Sewer Fund Schedule of Bonded Debt June 30, 2006

Michigan Municipal Bond Authority - March 26, 1992

Date	Rate	Principal	Interest	Total	
October 1, 2006			10,800	10,800	
April 1, 2007	2.00%	145,000	10,800	155,800	
October 1, 2007	2.0070	1 70,000	9,350	9,350	
April 1, 2008	2.00%	150,000	9,350	159,350	
October 1, 2008		111,000	7,850	7,850	
April 1, 2009	2.00%	150,000	7,850	157,850	
October 1, 2009		,	6,350	6,350	
April 1, 2010	2.00%	155,000	6,350	161,350	
October 1, 2010			4,800	4,800	
April 1, 2011	2.00%	155,000	4,800	159,800	
October 1, 2011			3,250	3,250	
April 1, 2012	2.00%	160,000	3,250	163,250	
October 1, 2012			1,650	1,650	
April 1, 2013	2.00%	165,000	1,650	166,650	
Totals		\$ 1,080,000	\$ 88,100	\$ 1,168,100	



August 3, 2006

Board Members Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities Hillsdale, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities (the BPU) for the year ended June 30, 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated August 3, 2006. In planning and performing our audit of the general-purpose financial statements of the BPU, we considered its internal control in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general-purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control.

The Management of the BPU is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control. The objectives of internal control are to provide the Board with a reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with the Board's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Because of the inherent limitations in any system of internal control, errors and irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the system to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

Our study and evaluations made for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph would not necessarily disclose all material weaknesses in the system. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion of the system of internal accounting control of the BPU taken as a whole. However, our study and evaluation disclosed no conditions that we believe to be a material weakness.

Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement proposal, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement and are fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Because an audit is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance and because we did not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material errors, fraud, or illegal acts may exist and not be detected by us.

As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the BPU. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control. Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities August 3, 2006 Page 2

Our Responsibility under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (Continued)

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the BPU's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, the objective of our tests was not to provide an opinion on compliance with such provisions.

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility for selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the BPU are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and no other applications of existing policies were changed during the current year. We noted no transactions entered into by the BPU during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which, under professional standards, we are required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. There were no material estimates recorded in the current year.

Audit Adjustments

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define an audit adjustment as a proposed correction of the financial statements that, in our judgment, may not have been detected except through our auditing procedures. An audit adjustment may or may not indicate matters that could have a significant effect on the BPU's financial reporting process (that is, cause future financial statements to be materially misstated). There were no significant audit adjustments recorded at year-end.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

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Issues Discussed Prior to Retention of Independent Auditors

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the BPU's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing our audit.

Comment and Recommendations

Willis + Jurasek, P.C.

We found no significant issues that warrant comment or recommendation for change.

This information is intended solely for the use of the BPU Board and management of the BPU and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to thank the BPU and its staff for the cooperation extended to us during our audit and would be happy to discuss any of the comments in detail if you so desire.

Sincerely,

Willis & Jurasek, P.C.